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**COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY ALLIANCE
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (COA PAC)**

What is the Community Oncology Alliance Political Action Committee (COA PAC)?

The Community Oncology Alliance Political Action Committee is a political action committee (PAC) founded by community oncologists for community oncology. Funds raised within COA PAC are used primarily to contribute to campaigns of candidates seeking elected office to the United States Senate and House of Representatives. COA PAC supports individuals who have demonstrated an interest in community cancer care and in preserving and enhancing the nation's cancer care delivery system for the patients we serve.

The COA PAC is particularly important as we enter what is turning out to be an extremely competitive 2018 election cycle where 468 seats in the Congress are up for election – 33 in the Senate and all 435 in the House. It is going to be an extremely competitive year and the COA PAC must be poised to ensure the voice of community oncology is heard.

Why should I contribute to COA PAC?

If you want elected officials who support community oncology and the patients served, you need to support their campaigns. ***COA PAC is the only independent PAC dedicated solely to community oncology.***

What are you asking me to contribute?

A suggested initial contribution to the COA PAC is at least \$1,000; however, many oncologists have made an initial contribution of \$2,000. Contributions cannot exceed \$5,000 per year. COA PAC has a *Community Oncology Leadership Club* that recognizes contributions as follows:

Diamond Level	Contribute \$5,000 per calendar year or \$416.66 monthly (automatic credit card withdrawal)
Platinum Level	Contribute \$2,000 per year or \$166.66 monthly
Gold Level	Contribute \$1,000 per year or \$83.33 monthly
Silver Level	Contribute \$500 per year or \$41.66 monthly

Community oncologists need to be far more active as evidenced by the list below of the top health care professional PACs in 2016. COA PAC ranked last behind many other more specialized areas of medicine. We make the most of the funds raised, but community oncology is still lagging far behind many other areas of medicine in making an impact. ***It is up to you and your fellow oncologists to contribute to increase support for community oncology.***

Why support COA PAC when I already support local candidates for election?

Community oncology needs to have both a national and local presence. Other physicians do exactly the same — that is, support individual, local candidates for election — but they also support national PACs, as documented to the right. The COA PAC allows us to extend this support nationally.

How are contributions made to and disbursed by COA PAC?

COA PAC accepts contributions by individuals affiliated with COA and community oncology clinics in the United States, in strict accordance with all applicable federal campaign laws. Contributions to COA PAC can only be made by individuals. Corporations cannot make contributions to a PAC according to federal campaign laws. Individual contributions made to COA PAC cannot exceed \$5,000 per year and are not deductible for income tax purposes. COA PAC produces quarterly reports on its activities for donors, as well as filing all reports required by federal campaign laws. All funds in COA PAC go directly to campaigns, which include a small amount (less than 5%) of direct fund-disbursement expenses.

How do I make a contribution to COA PAC?

COA PAC contributions can be made using a credit card or by personal check. To make a secure contribution by using a credit card, go to the COA PAC website at www.communityoncology.org/home/pac/ and click on the Donate button. If you would like to pay by personal check, please make it payable to **COA PAC** and mail it to:

Community Oncology Alliance PAC
760 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 150
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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American Medical Assn	\$1,501,000
American Assn of Orthopaedic Surgeons	\$1,476,075
American Dental Assn	\$1,366,428
American Society of Anesthesiologists	\$1,341,300
American College of Emergency Physicians	\$1,119,900
American Optometric Assn	\$995,575
American Physical Therapy Assn	\$934,260
American College of Radiology	\$861,250
American Academy of Dermatology Assn	\$836,000
American Academy of Ophthalmology	\$697,000
American Academy of Family Physicians	\$682,700
American College of Surgeons Prof Assn	\$680,500
American Assn of Nurse Anesthetists	\$653,400
National Community Pharmacists Assn	\$591,125
American Podiatric Medical Assn	\$571,850
American Assn/Oral & Maxillofacial Surg	\$515,000
American Congress of Obstetricians & Gynecologists	\$491,000
American Osteopathic Assn	\$483,180
American Academy of Neurology	\$460,000
American College of Cardiology	\$454,700
American Assn of Orthodontists	\$415,500
American Psychiatric Assn	\$372,000
US Oncology – McKesson Corp	\$367,400
College of American Pathologists	\$345,385
American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn	\$322,000
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry	\$269,950
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	\$249,200
American College of Rheumatology	\$234,500
American Occupational Therapy Assn	\$230,800
Mednax Inc	\$216,000
American Academy of Otolaryngology	\$215,500
American Nurses Assn	\$211,061
Society of Thoracic Surgeons	\$198,500
American Society/Therapeutic Radiology	\$186,000
American College of Physicians Services	\$185,000
American Interventional Pain Physicians	\$183,250
American Assn of Neurological Surgeons	\$180,500
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	\$177,650
Professional Compounding Centers of America	\$158,643
American Chiropractic Assn	\$157,250
Doctor Voice for Patient Choice	\$151,911
American Pharmacists Assn	\$148,000
Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics	\$144,350
American Psychological Assn Practice Org	\$134,894
Society For Vascular Surgery	\$134,500
National Assn of Spine Specialists	\$133,500
Community Oncology Alliance	\$120,500

